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From: Tulis, Dana
Sent: Wed 10/14/2015 6:33:02 PM
Subject: RE: FOR OPS REVIEW: Draft Durango ICP Staffing Transition Doc

Thank you, can we same something about mine operations and site stabilization or is that not accurate?

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From: Ostrander, David
Sent: Wednesday, October 14, 2015 10:31 AM
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Subject: RE: FOR OPS REVIEW: Draft Durango ICP Staffing Transition Doc

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From: Tulis, Dana
Sent: Wednesday, October 14, 2015 6:42 AM
To: Ostrander, David
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On Oct 13, 2015, at 3:40 PM, "Tulis, Dana" <Tulis.Dana@epa.gov> wrote:

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Begin forwarded message:

From: "StClair, Christie" <StClair.Christie@epa.gov>

Date: October 9, 2015 at 3:02:42 PM EDT

To: "Grantham, Nancy" <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>, "Harrison, Melissa" <Harrison.Melissa@epa.gov>

Cc: "Tulis, Dana" <Tulis.Dana@epa.gov>, "Lee, Eugene" <Lee.Eugene@epa.gov>

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Hi Nancy and Melissa,

Please see the attached transition plan to take us from the ICP back to R8.

Eugene and Dana are developing a plan to let stakeholders know about the transition. I think they want to move forward with that next week.

We're not planning to post the transition plan on the GKM site, but will give reporters a statement if asked. This statement has been reviewed/approved by OSWSER, EOC and OGC, and is ready for your review.

The water and sediment impacted by the Aug. 5 Gold King Mine release remain ~~are now being maintained~~ at pre-event conditions, and construction is underway for a water treatment facility to manage water quality over the winter. As the agency transitions from emergency response to long-term mitigation, the Incident Command staff will gradually demobilize and close by the end of this month. Regional and Headquarters staff have already assumed most of the long-term response roles. They are now finalizing the Conceptual Monitoring Plan for the Gold King Mine release and will conduct the first round of sampling this fall. ~~and working with the San Juan Basin Health Department to ensure drinking water well quality.~~ Regional staff will also continue to coordinate with local, state, and tribal nations and conduct in-person visits to impacted communities to ensure close consultation on these long-term efforts.

Please let me know if you have any comments, edits or questions.

Thanks,

Christie

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From: Tyner, Lee
Sent: Friday, October 09, 2015 2:43 PM
To: StClair, Christie; Tulis, Dana; Lee, Eugene; EOC_Manager,; EOC Public Information
Cc: Cheatham, Reggie; Irizarry, Gilberto; Woodyard, Josh; Bowles, Jack; Salo, Earl
Subject: RE: Draft Durango ICP Staffing Transition Doc

I have no comments on this and neither did Earl. Lee

From: StClair, Christie
Sent: Friday, October 09, 2015 2:27 PM
To: Tulis, Dana; Lee, Eugene; EOC_Manager,; EOC Public Information
Cc: Cheatham, Reggie; Irizarry, Gilberto; Woodyard, Josh; Bowles, Jack; Salo, Earl; Tyner, Lee
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Here's an updated version with some slight tweaks to Dana's edits.

Adding Earl and Lee for OGC review. Once they've reviewed I'll run this up the OPS chain.

The water and sediment impacted by the Aug. 5 Gold King Mine release are now being maintained at pre-event conditions, and construction is underway for a water treatment facility to manage water quality over the winter. As the agency transitions from emergency response to long-term **mitigation**, the Incident Command (**IC**) staff **will gradually demobilize and close by the end of this month**. Regional and Headquarters staff have already assumed most of the long-term **response** roles. **They are now finalizing the conceptual** monitoring plan for the Gold King Mine and **working** with the San Juan Basin Health Department to ensure drinking water well quality. **Regional staff will also continue to coordinate with local, state, and tribal nations and conduct in-person visits to impacted communities to ensure close consultation on these long-term efforts.**

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Okay, OGC can look at the final statement, coming in a moment for you to send.

Jack, we will also need notification to states/locals.

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No edits from me, but just so you know I checked in with OGC and Earl and Lee are in the office today to review any GKM materials if needed.

You can send to them directly or I can run it by them.

Just let me know.

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From: StClair, Christie
Sent: Friday, October 09, 2015 1:44 PM
To: Tulis, Dana; Lee, Eugene; EOC_Manager,; EOC Public Information
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I made a couple very light edits to the document, attached. Here's a draft desk statement for external communications:

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Regional staff will continue to coordinate with local, state, and tribal nations.

Regional staff will continue in-person visits to impacted communities and ensure close consultation on these long-term efforts.

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Christie, have you had a chance to start messaging this yet.

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From: Barry, Michael

Sent: Thursday, October 08, 2015 6:03 PM

To: Tulis, Dana; Lee, Eugene; EOC_Manager,; StClair, Christie

Cc: Cheatham, Reggie; Irizarry, Gilberto; Levine, Carolyn; Ostrander, David

Subject: RE: Draft Durango ICP Staffing Transition Doc

Hi all,

Here is a slightly revised draft, non are critical items I think

- [redacted] I signed it
- [redacted] Called it Interim Draft
- [redacted] Cleaned up a few typos
- [redacted] Altered last bullet of the ES to refer to “appropriate levels of the EPA” doing the messaging. The previous draft implied that the ICP would do all of this, which isn’t the case.
- [redacted] Added a further qualifier that the messaging points haven’t yet been edited by any PIO staff

Attached is a word version and the pdf version with both references attached.

Note: Bcc’d to Durango ICP for Distribution

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Folks, see the attached transition plan below. Mathy has approved for us to go forward on messaging for this with support from the Regions. Christie, please take the lead for that.

Mike Barry developed the plan. This takes us from the ICP back to region 8.

Eugene, not sure who is staffing from OCIR but we need help in developing a plan to reach out to the states and local's working with the regions.

Also adding in Carolyn Levine for awareness.

Thanks all.

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From: "Tulis, Dana" <Tulis.Dana@epa.gov>
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Cc: "Cheatham, Reggie" <cheatham.reggie@epa.gov>
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Folks,

Mike Barry did a great job of staffing the transition plan from the ICP back to R8. We are recommending the next IC be from R8 to facilitate the transition back to Region 8. You will see in the plan below, that there will be presence in the ICP through the end of October. Mike can walk you through this on the 3 pm EST call tomorrow.

Mike is working on a turnover checklist and directed all the ICP to create a turnover checklist for their positions and this will be part of the demob plan. This is intended more for a smooth transition to the normal R8 program offices than face to face turnovers in the ICP.

Mike also recommends he name one of his EPA staff an "Incident Commander's Representative; since it may be difficult to get him relief here before he leave at 0800 Friday and there likely is no real need for the incoming IC to be there over the weekend. This would provide continuity and a single POC for the ICP.

Thanks all,

Dana T

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